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THE CHIMNEY CORNER.

I.
 The old-time chimney corner, where the winter dreams are sweet; Mighty good to be there! It's the place that's hard to beat. The comfort of the fire—safe from ghostly snow an' sleet. In the drowsy light you drift to dreaming.

II.
 The old-time chimney corner ain't for just the folks growing old. With hearts unchilled forever by the keen winds of the cold; For the eyes of children sparkle when the stories sweet are told. And in the drowsy light they drift to dreaming.
 —Frank L. Stanton.

LOCAL RIGHTS COME FIRST.

Unless the extension of the Umatilla project can be made without injury to settlers along such streams as McKay and Birch creeks and without jeopardizing the rights upon the Umatilla reservation the East Oregonian is opposed to the extension. Most local people will be.

It must be plain to all the rights of the settlers and of the Indians are entitled to precedence over the extension. The settlers on Birch creek, McKay and the Umatilla between Pendleton and Butter creek have been here for years. They own ranches and are actually residing upon them at this time and cultivating them. Those men are justly entitled to all the water they need. They should not only be allowed ample water for lands they have been irrigating but the government should and could consistently grant them water for irrigable lands that may not now be under ditch provided the settlers agree to bring such land under irrigation within a reasonable time. The great aim of the reclamation service is to bring land under water. Why is it not just as well to irrigate land near Birch creek or McKay creek as in the west end of the county? Why should the government go to trouble and expense to use water down there if settlers are willing and anxious to use that water for similar purposes upon their own ranches.

The reservation rights should also have precedence over the extension and it has been a source of surprise to this paper that the government attorneys have not given the reservation more consideration in connection with plans for the extension. It is held by some pretty good authorities that the Indians of the reservation have a right to water any or all of their allotted lands. Then assuredly the government should make allowance for

the establishment of those rights. The water should not be taken for the reclamation of the extension until it is known whether or not the government is entitled to use the water for that purpose.

It is asserted by some people that there will be ample water in the river to irrigate the reservation, meet the needs of the settlers and carry out the extension as well. Very likely this contention is true for a vast amount of water is now allowed to go to waste. If there is plenty of water all will be lovely. But since there is some doubt the danger should be borne by the extension, not by the territory in this vicinity. The government should look out fully for the rights in this section and then take what water may be left for the extension. But old settlers should not be robbed in order to provide water for newcomers.

As for the Stanfield opposition to the extension that is another story.

EAST AND WEST.

Discussing the trip of the western governors and the subject of what is east and what is west the New York World says:

The Western Governors who have set out to evangelize the East do not quite agree as to its boundaries. Gov. Hawley of Idaho thinks that the East ends at Pittsburg, and other opinions variously assign Chicago, Kansas City and Denver as its Western limit.

No such doubt has ever existed about the South, the location of which was fixed by Mason and Dixon's line, the Ohio river and the Missouri compromise. Nor is there any misunderstanding of the designation "down East." As respects East and West, a constantly shifting boundary line has necessarily caused some confusion. The cowboy of the story thought he was about as far East as he cared to be when he got to Cheyenne, while, on the other hand, to some native-born New Yorkers anything beyond the North River is West.

Indiana, which now contains the centre of population, might logically advance the claim that it is the border state between East and West, and its production of poems, "best sellers" and Broadway drama heightens the analogy. But in Western opinion generally the East is where Wall street and Fifth avenue are, and such it is likely to remain. That is the part of the country a Westerner has in mind when he "takes a trip East," and it is assumed to be the main objective point of the western governors.

Scarcely has the smoke of Monday's battle rolled away and we are again beset with a controversy of vast importance and much heat.

Pendleton seems to have also elected the mayor of Oregon City.

The more snow, the more water.

HIS BUSY DAY.

"Hard work!" Jobson snorted, after a particularly heavy day at the office. "Don't talk to me! What do you know about it!"

Smith, who didn't go to an office, smiled.

"Well, I guess I know something," he answered gently. "Since I got up this morning, for instance, I've put down a linoleum, laid three carpets, papered two halls, fixed a fire grate, swept the hall—"

"Good Scott!" Jobson began to grow compassionate—sympathetic.

"Mended a chair," Smith went on, "made two beds, set the table, washed the dishes, moved a piano and a sideboard, and hung nine pictures!"

"Poor old chap!" gasped Jobson. "Was it—your wife—made you?"

"No; my little girl did," said Smith sorrowfully. "You see, I bought her a new doll's house last night."

"Serve the champagne in tin cups, James," directed the owner of the hunting lodge.

"Very good, sir."

These hunting parties always like to rough it a trifle.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

GENUINE ARTICLE.

"Yes, real old oak!" Mrs. Parsprad purred. "Of course, it cost a great deal; but still a good hall-stand—"

But just as Mrs. P. was coming to the thrilling part of her description she was interrupted. Into the drawing room, where she and her lady friends were sitting, burst Freddy, the five-year-old son of the house.

His face was flushed with excitement and his cap was still on his head.

"Mother—"

"Freddy," his mother said in gentle reproof, "what did I buy the new hall-stand for?"

For an instant Freddy was astonished, amazed.

"Well," he jerked out at last, "you bought it for two dollars off the old second-hand man. But—and Freddy looked annoyed—"you told me not to tell anybody about it!"

TELEPHONE CAN DRIVE A TRAIN

Professor M. I. Paupin, the famous electrical expert, announced at the meeting of the National Academy of Science that he had discovered a new method of "magnifying" electric currents. He illustrated by saying that the usual current used for the telephone, which one can put to his tongue without injury, could be made with his device to move a railroad train.

He was not prepared to give his invention to the world, but would be at the next meeting of the academy in the spring.—New York American.

PROMOTION.

"Well, Tommy," said the father of a six-year old youngster, "how are you getting along at school?" "Bully!" rejoined Tommy. "Guess the teacher is going to promote me."

"What makes you think so?"

"She said today that if I kept on at the rate I was going I'd soon be in the criminal class," explained Tommy.—Pittsburg Chronicle.

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